where they were already holding bookstalls. The clause was further modified in 1975 & 1976 under which railway can allot bookstalls to any other eligible categories at platforms constructed after 1-1-1976 at stations where M/s. Wheelers have sole selling rights.

Automatic renewal clause in bookstall agreements

4390. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the automatic renewal clause was inserted in all the bookstall agreements as per letter No. 61-TG. III/461 dated 7th December, 1961 ;

(b) whether the said automatic renewal clause was withdrawn from all the bookstall agreements, in consultations with the Ministry of Law as per the letter No. 66-TG II/461 dated 4th February, 1967; and

(c) if so, what are the details regarding reasons for not renewing all the bookstall agreements for a period of nine years as in case of M/s. A. H. Wheeler and Co. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The renewal of bookstall agreement for a period of 9 years w.e.f. 1-1-1967 was granted to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. And M/s. Higginbothams Ltd., in view of their past background. In case of other bookstalls, licence is renewed after every five years, which is in tune with other catering/vending licences of Indian Railways.

New railway lines in Madhaya Pradesh

4391. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have plans to lay new rail lines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the facilities of railway stations in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) Details of new lines being laid in Madhya Pradesh is as under :—

* (Rs. in crores)

Plan	Project	Year of approval	KMS	*Cost	*Expenditure upto 31-3-2000	*Budget Outlay 2000-01	Remarks
New Lines	Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli	1997-98	627	925	0.51	5.00	Necessary clearances have been obtained. Final location survey for 70 km. from Lalitpur end and 45 km from Mahoba end has been completed and FLS for balance section is in progress.
New Lines	Guna-Etawah	1985-86	348	337.32	246.58	25.00	Guna-Gwalior and Gwalior Nonera sections have already been completed. The next phase work of Gauge Conversion between Nonera and Bhind is in progress and expected to completed in 2000-2001. The last phase of this project from Bhind to Etawah involves construction of 3 major bridges on the rivers Chambal, Kunwari and Yamuna. The work on Yamuna Bridge has already been taken up. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

* (Rs. in crores)

Plan	Project	Year of approval	KMS	*Cost	*Expenditure upto 31-3-2000	*Budget Outlay 2000-01	Remarks
New Lines	Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur	1995-96	235	369	0.13	1.00	This work is included in the Railway budget since 1995-96. However, this line is to be taken up on a cost sharing basis with Ministry of Steel & M.P. Govt., the cost of the first phase work from Dallirajahara to Rowghat being borne entirely by the Ministry of Steel. For the rest of the line SAIL is providing finances to the tune of Rs. 75 cr. at 7% interest to be adjusted through freight concessions. M.P. Govt. will be providing land free of cost worth Rs. 25 cr. and rest of the money is to be given by the Railways. An MoU has been signed and estimate sanctioned. SAIL has been requested to deposit Rs. 50 cr. with Railways for taking the work on Dallirajahara-Rowghat section. Final location survey for Jagdalpur to Rowghat, 130 km. out of 140 km has been completed.
New Lines	Bishrampur Ambikapur	1997-98	23	58.3	5.30	5.00	Necessary clearances have been obtained. The final location survey and land acquisition has been completed. Work is being taken up.

* (Rs. in crores)

Plan	Project	Year of approval	KMS	*Cost	*Expenditure upto 31-3-2000	*Budget Outlay 2000-01	Remarks
New Lines	Godhra-Indore Dewamaksi	1989-90	316	597	21.09	10.00	This work is being executed in phases. The first phase work between Dewas & Maksi is now in progress. Work is in progress on all 8 major bridges. Work on all 49 minor bridges have been completed. The other items like earthwork and ballast supply are also in progress. This section is expected to be completed in the 9th Plan period, subject to availability of resources.
New Lines	Ramganj-mandi-Bhopal	2000-01	262	425	0.00	1.00	New work included in the Budget 2000-2001.

(c) Improvements to facilities at Railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted by traffic needs. Railway stations in Madhya Pradesh are provided with minimum essential amenities commensurate with the volume of passenger traffic handled. Works for augmentation of existing facilities as well as provision of additional amenities are also taken up at stations, wherever warranted, every year through annual Works Programme.